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In regard to international application:

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Applicants: Tuomo Juvakka et al.

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Title: DOCTOR FOR A SUCTION ROLL PARTICULARLY
IN PAPER MACHINES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In connection with entry into the National Phase in the United States of the above referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

P. 1, line 2, insert the heading -- Technical Field --;

P. 1, line 10, insert the heading -- Background of the Invention --;

P. 2, line 1, insert the heading -- Summary of the Invention --;

P. 2, line 4, delete "The characteristic features of ... Claims." and insert -- A doctor for removing water from a suction roll in a paper machine includes a doctor slat fitted against the

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